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Hi,

I recently received a call (voice mail on September 8) from a Susan Carol (713-362-6318) from the Houston Chronicle regarding the report by the Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS):

“ Assessment of the Occurrence of Cancer, East Harris County, Texas 1995–2012, June 19, 2015”

This report was generated at the request of citizens living near the San Jacinto Waste Pits site. Soon after the report was released TDSHS convened a panel of “experts” to discuss the feasibility of continuing work towards a full epidemiological study. I was asked to be the EPA representative on this panel, although I believe my invitation was merely a courtesy as I am not an epidemiologist.

TDSHS recently released a summary of the meeting on their website. It is this meeting that I believe Ms Carol wishes to discuss with me.

The primary contact with the TDSHS is Emily Hall. Ms. Hall is probably the most qualified to answer questions from that meeting.

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Thank you, and do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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